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SUBJECT: EGAN KIDNAPPING: PRESS BRIEFING

THERE FOLLOWS THE TRANSCRIPT OF PORTION OF THE FEBRUARY
28 NOON PRESS BRIEFING RELATING TO THE EGAN KIDNAPPING:

Q. BOB, WHAT IS OUR ATTITUDE ON WHETHER THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE REQUEST OF THE MONTONEROS
FOR THE RELEASE OF FOUR CAPTURED TERRORISTS?

A. YOU ARE ALL AWARE, I THINK, OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
ABDUCTORS. THERE IS A DEADLINE THAT THEY HAVE PUT ON THEIR
ANNOUNCEMENT--I THINK IT'S 7 O'CLOCK TONIGHT, OUR TIME--
AND CERTAIN DEMANDS THAT THEY HAVE MADE TO THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT.

AND FRANKLY, JOHN, DURING THIS EXTREMELY DELICATE PERIOD,
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I THINK THAT WE SHOULD SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE PUBLICLY,

IN THE INTEREST OF TRYING TO WORK QUIETLY BUT EFFECTIVELY
WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO EFFECT THE RELEASE
OF MR. EGAN. SO I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO ANY OF THE
DETAILS OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, WHAT THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO, ET CETERA. I JUST THINK WE'VE
GOT TO REMAIN QUIET AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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